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SUBJECT: CALL BY ROVING AMBASSADOR OF REPUBLIC OF THE COMORO ISLANDS

REF: (A) STATE 67693, (B) PARS 8968, (C) BRUSSELS 2514,

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SUMMARY: REPUBLIC OF COMORO ISLANDS SEEKS VISIT OF U.S. MISSION
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. CHARGE RECEIVED VISIT APRIL 5 OF YVES LE BRET, ITINERANT
AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE COMORO ISLANDS "TO THE WESTERN
COUNTRIES," RESIDENT IN COMORO. AMBASSADOR LE BRET TOLD US HE
WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM COMORAN CHIEF OF STATE TO CONTACT THE
U.S. EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS AND MAKE A NUMBER OF POINTS, WHICH EH ASKED
BE TRANSMITTED TO WASHINGTON:

1) ALTHOUGH THE REPUBLIC OF THE COMORO ISLANDS (GCI) AND U.S.
DO NOT YET HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, COMORAN CHIEF OS TATE WOULD
LIKE TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS SOON AND INVITES A U.S. MISSION TO VISIT
COMOROS AFTER BEGINNING OF JUNE, FOLLOWING UP ON CONVERSATION
IN ZANZIBAR BETWEEN UN AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG AND COMORAN VICE
PRESIDENT.

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2) AMBASSADOR LE BRET SAID COMORAN CHIEF OF STATE WISHED ALSO
TO INFORM U.S. GOVERNMENT OF AN "INCIDENT" AT UNGA IN NOVEMBER
WHEN COMORAN PERMREP, "CONTRARY TO INSTRUCTIONS" AND CONTRARY TO
COMORAN POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT, JOINED CUBA, LIBYA AND IRAQ
IN SPONSORING DRAFT RESOLUTION ON GUAM. LE BRET SAID PERMREP'S
ACTION WAS "ENTIRELY DISAPPROVED" BY CHIEF OF STATE.

2. LE BRET WENT ON TO GIVE RUNDOWN ON STATE OF CGI DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH OTHER NATIONS, AS FOLLOWS:
--DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ALREADY ESTABLISHED WITH ITALY, BELGIUM, SWITZERLAND, THE NETHERLANDS, CHINA (INCLUDING BILATERAL AID PROGRAM).
--ABOUT TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH CANADA, SWEDEN, DENMARK, SPAIN, GREECE.
--LE BRET WILL TRAVEL TO LONDON AND BONN SOON TO PRESS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS.

3. LE BRET LEFT WITH US COPY OF DRAFT COMORAN CONSTITUTION WHICH IS TO BE PRESENTED SHORTLY TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (COPY POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT, AF/E). HE EMPHASIZED THAT DRAFT CANNOT BECOME CONSTITUTION OF ALL COMORANS UNTIL THE "COMPATRIOTS ON MAYOTTE ISLAND" HAVE CHANCE TO APPROVE IT BY UNIVERSAL SUFFERAGE.

4. LE BRET SAID COMORAN FOREIGN POLICY STRESSED NON-ALIGNMENT AND NEUTRALITY. HE CITED USSR OFFER OF SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL AID IN RETURN FOR USE OF COMORAN AIRFIELDS AND SHIP ANCHORAGE, WHICH WAS REFUSED. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH STATE WAS LEGALLY LAIC WITH GUARANTEES FOR ALL NATIONALITIES AND RELIGION, PRESENT POPULATION

WAS ALMOST 100 PERCENT MOSLEM, WHICH MEANT THEY COULD NEVER BECOME MARXIST. SIMILARLY, THOUGH MOSLEM AND WITH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ARAB STATES, THE GCI DID NOT JOIN THE ARAB LEAGUE OUT OF CONCERN FOR AVOIDING ALL BLOCS.

5. LE BRET EXPOUNDED ON GCI EFFORTS TO MODERNIZE A BACKWARD, TRADITIONAL SOCIETY, MENTIONING EDUCATIONAL REFORM, WOMEN'S RIGHTS
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(UNVEILING, DIVORCE, ETC.) AND STRESSING STATE SOCIALISM WAS NON-MARXIAN AND BASED ON PRACTICAL NEED TO PROVIDE ON URGENT BASIS FOR NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE. RENNER

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